

# Pavlik snags decision in rematch with Taylor

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Although you wouldn't know it from Kelly Pavlik's history of dynamite knockouts, patience is among the middleweight champion's greatest virtues.

Pavlik waited seven years for his first title shot against Jermain Taylor last year, and didn't waste it.

In the rematch Saturday night, Pavlik persisted until the late rounds, when he finally landed the big punches that kept him perfect.

With a strong finish to a bout with more tactics than theatrics, the pride of Youngstown, Ohio, beat Taylor on Saturday night for the second time in 4-1/2 months, winning a unanimous decision.

Pavlik (33-0, 29 KOs) failed to knock out his opponent for the first time in his last 10 fights, but he threw far more punches and landed more memorable exchanges.

Taylor (27-2-1) came up just short on all three judges' scorecards despite a mark-

edly improved performance after getting his first career loss in their initial bout.

The fight could have gone either way until the 10th round, with both fighters using canny strategy to minimize their opponents' strengths. Pavlik finished tremendously, staggering Taylor in the 11th with the power that makes him a knockout artist — but also the skill that could keep him on top for years to come.

"He was better tonight

than the first fight, (but) I was better, too," Pavlik said. "It was a more tactical fight. ...From rounds 10 through 12, I was finally landing body shots," Pavlik said. "He was tired. I could hear him exhaling."

Pavlik stunned Taylor with a seventh-round knockout victory in Atlantic City last year, claiming Taylor's WBC title in one of the most scintillating bouts in recent middleweight history. Pavlik's belt wasn't at stake

this time, with both fighters agreeing to a rematch at a catch weight of 166 pounds — 6 pounds above the middleweight limit.

"We both did a better job tonight than the first fight," Pavlik said. "The key was inside pressure. My fight strategy was to put the pressure on him, back him up. My jab and punches landed more this time. Nothing will top the first victory over Jermain, but it was a great win tonight."

Judge Dave Moretti favored Pavlik 117-111 in the rematch, while Patricia Morse Jarman had it 115-113 and Glenn Trowbridge scored it 116-112. The Associated Press also scored it narrowly for Pavlik, 115-113.

Pavlik dominated the punch stats, throwing 845 total blows to Taylor's 456, with both landing a roughly equal percentage. Pavlik's jab was the difference, with 484 of them keeping Taylor

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Central City, Hollygrove, New Orleans East and Broadmoor.

SOBU Builds, in partnership with the office of Louisiana Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, will mobilize volunteers with the support of local community partners who are currently addressing community needs. The sections selected for the projects represent some of the worst hit areas of New Orleans.

While millions have been spent on these neighborhoods, there continues to be a need for recovery in three key areas: housing, education and recreation.

A listing of the six service projects follows:

--Project 1 - Build a Home: Volunteers will take hammers and nails to help in the construction of a house.

--Project 2 - Beautify a City Park: Volunteers will clean up, refurbish park benches, clean equipment and restore landscaping.

--Project 3 - Build a Playground: In an effort to give kids an opportunity to play, volunteers will assist in rebuilding playgrounds.

--Project 4 - Demolish a Home: Volunteers will clear debris from homes.

--Project 5 - Beautify a School Yard and Donate Books: Volunteers will plant flowers and clean schoolyard areas of debris.

--Project 6 - Build Shelves for Public Library and Donate Books: Teams will collect and sort books.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Smiley will host a conversation with 24 noted politicians, educators, social scientists, business leaders and clergy on "Reclaiming our Democracy, Deciding our Future" from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Ernest E. Morial Convention Center and broadcast live on C-Span.

Participants at the 8 a.m.

session will include Dr. C.S. Gordon, Jr., New Orleans Mayor Clarence Ray Nagin, Xavier University president Dr. Norman Francis, Michael Eric Dyson, Pastor Melvin Jones, Arlene Holt Baker, Darron Boyce, Cornel West, Susan E. Rice, Eddie Glaude, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Naomi Churchill Earp and Rev. Al Sharpton.

Among those slated to appear at the 1:30 p.m. session are Bishop Paul S. Morton, Louisiana Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, State Sen. Cleo Fields, Mayor Cory Booker, Nicole C. Lee, Herreast Harrison, Robert Franklin, a Dillard University student leader, Donna Brazile, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Angela Glover Blackwell, National Urban League president Marc H. Morial, Michael Steele and Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

Participation in the service project and attendance at the panel discussion is free and open to the public. Advanced free registration is required at [www.tavistalks.com](http://www.tavistalks.com). All registered attendees will receive a DVD of Jonathan Demme's documentary "Right to Return: New Home Movies from the Lower 9th Ward."

Smiley said, "Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath provided a portrait of disenfranchisement at its worst. The service we will provide to so many still in need, on Friday, sets up the conversation on Saturday on what leadership must look like for the next four years. If we can bring everyday people together to restore hope to this jewel city in a grassroots, hands-on fashion, the body politic should at the very least meet the people halfway and do its part. That is the true intersection of love and service."

SOBU 2008 sponsors and supporters include title sponsor Wells-Fargo, national

sponsors Wells-Fargo, Allstate Insurance Company and ExxonMobil, media sponsor "The Tom Joyner Morning Show" and community sponsors McDonald's and the AARP.

"Many Americans caught in the whirlwind of market forces this year have experienced hardships with homeownership — a dream that Wells Fargo is committed to fulfilling and sustaining," said Andre Brooks, head of Diverse Segments for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

"This event provides a vital venue for discussion about this issue with an important segment of our customers, including thousands of customers we helped following Hurricane Katrina. We are proud to sponsor this event for the third year in a row," Brooks said.

"We are excited to roll up our sleeves, once again, and to build a home that will benefit a New Orleans family," Brooks added. "A home is the foundation on which a family's financial security is built, and we at Wells Fargo are committed to helping all our customers achieve and maintain that critical financial goal."

Carol Sagers, Director, U.S. Marketing, and McDonald's USA said, "McDonald's continued commitment to the African-American community has been instrumental to the success of our corporation. Through our sponsorship of [SOBU], we understand the importance of uniting some of the most recognized intellectual minds to discuss issues affecting the African-American community. We will continue to create opportunities that speak to our constant support of economic empowerment, academic and professional achievement and community development."

## Your Horoscope Says... Feb. 21 - 27

### ARIES

Push. Now is a good time to push. Your energy is higher than ever. Someone might get offended, but you can't please everyone. Hire a pro for something that you planned to do yourself, especially if an expertise is involved.

Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 12

### TAURUS

Review your "to do" list again. You may need to slow down to discover something that you didn't realize while you were in the flow of events. Your lover is going to be a little difficult to understand. Back off if an argument arises.

Soul Affirmation: Two hats fit well on my big head.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 20, 32

### GEMINI

Make a special effort to spend all week with your lover, husband or wife. Your sense of the importance of relationships is keen, and this is a good time to strengthen your passionate partnership. Take your lover to a party. Devote attention.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 51, 52

### CANCER

The flock will come to you for direction. Give it gracefully. Know that your insights will help a lot if you deliver them in the right way. If you are a mother, guidance will be the best gift you can give others this week.

Soul Affirmation: Knowing I can do it is the biggest preparation for getting it done.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 11, 22

### LEO

Most people don't know how often dreams and reality blend into that practical consciousness of yours. Knowledge comes from a dream you've had lately. This week is a good week to get started making that dream a reality.

Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 17, 36

### VIRGO

Cooperation is key this week in your relationship with your partner. Even if you know you're right, let your partner have his or her way in the early going. Your staying power will give you influence or control in the late rounds.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit run my life this week.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 39, 41

### LIBRA

At home, projects flourish as family cooperates. They do love you and they are tired of being difficult. However, time spent by yourself leads to important insights. It's a favorable time for research and study.

Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 24, 45

### SCORPIO

Lover, friends and relatives are in your corner. They just have a hard time verbalizing it. Their support gives you the boost you need if you'd swallow your pride and reach out for it. Their help may not come in the form you want it, but it is in the form you need.

Soul Affirmation: I find joy in facing responsibility this week.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 34, 37

### SAGITTARIUS

It wouldn't hurt to be a little less independent. Depend on someone. Declare a truce. Decide that you are not right. Elevate a friend's opinion to your guiding principle for this week. Compromise. Be a team player and watch the reward unfold.

Soul Affirmation: I calm my emotions by forgetting about the past.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 26, 54

### CAPRICORN

You won't have enough time to get as far away as you want to go, but you'll have enough time to do some shopping for the trip. Your focus on what you need is keener now than closer to trip time. Get to the mall and buy your miscellaneous items.

Soul Affirmation: High energy and clear mind gives me the winning edge.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 16, 18

### AQUARIUS

Don't waste time thinking about the past. Sure they were wrong, but what does it matter now. Enjoy the present. Find something good to do for the rest of the week. Avoid conflict. Nothing is so important that it needs to be resolved this week.

Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 19, 25

### PISCES

You face a big challenge that allows you to take big steps toward your career goals. It'll be on your mind for the next few weeks. Spend some time planning. Life is not always for fun and games. Games are not your biggest satisfaction anyway.

Soul Affirmation: The key to my happiness lies in my sympathy for others.

Lucky Numbers: 42, 46, 48